

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 DOHA 01262 141516Z

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05

H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02

SS-15 ICA-11 EB-08 OMB-01 TRSE-00 DOE-15 SOE-02

AID-05 CEA-01 COME-00 INT-05 OES-09 STR-07

ACDA-12 /152 W

-----022360 141529Z /64

P 141028Z SEP 78

FM AMEMBASSY DOHA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3976

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L DOHA 1262

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, ENRG, QA, JA

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S VISIT TO QATAR

1. PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S VISIT TO DOHA WENT RELATIVELY WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE AMIR AND THE STATE OF QATAR WERE VERY PLEASED WITH THE ATTENTION AND PUBLICITY THEY RECEIVED. EVERYBODY HERE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE VISIT.

2. WHEN I CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TADA (JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO DOHA) ON SEPTEMBER 13, HE INFORMED ME THAT NO NEW AGREEMENTS WERE NEGOTIATED BESIDES THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED. IN ESSENCE THE COMMUNIQUE STATES:

A) THE TWO LEADERS CONFIRMED THAT THE TALKS CONTRIBUTED TO THE FURTHER PROMOTION OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

B) TRADE RELATIONS WILL BE FURTHER ENHANCED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WITH THE PROMOTION OF EXCHANGE IN TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 DOHA 01262 141516Z

C) REAFFIRMED THEIR BELIEF IN THE PRINCIPLE AND AIMS OF THE CHARTER OF THE UN.

D) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UN RESOLUTION 2832.

E) BOTH LEADERS AGREED THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAS ESSENTIAL TO WORLD PEACE WITH THE

COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSC RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338.

3. AMBASSADOR TADA STATED THAT THE AMIR WANTED BILATERAL COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED TO STUDY THE JOINT EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE OFFSHORE GAS FINDS DISCOVERED RECENTLY IN THE SEA OF QATAR. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE COMMITTEES WILL BE FORMED WITHIN A FEW MONTHS FOR PRELIMINARY TALKS AND STUDY. HE ALSO SAID THAT WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER INVITED THE AMIR AND THE CROWN PRINCE TO VISIT JAPAN THE AMIR AT FIRST SAID THAT HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED BUT LATER IN THE DAY, HE (THE AMIR) TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT HIS SON, THE CROWN PRINCE, WILL VISIT JAPAN (NO MENTION OF HIS OWN VISIT) WHEN AND IF THE COMMITTEES ARE ESTABLISHED. IT SEEMS THAT HE MADE THE CROWN PRINCE'S VISIT CONTINGENT ON JAPAN'S COOPERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OFFSHORE GAS RESERVES.

4. AMBASSADOR TADA INFORMED CHARGE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH QATAR WERE ALMOST COMPLETE FOR THE INCREASE OF JAPAN'S IMPORTS OF OIL FROM THE PRESENT 80,000 BBLs PER DAY TO ABOUT 100,000 BBLs PER DAY. ALSO HE SAID THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR FUTURE (1984) OFFSHORE GAS IMPORTS.

5. AMBASSADOR TADA ALSO MENTIONED THAT SHEIKH ABDUL AZIZ, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, TOLD HIM DURING THE BANQUET DINNER THAT HE WILL BE GOING TO TAIF, SAUDI ARABIA TO ATTEND THE OPEC MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 20. DURING THAT MEETING
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 DOHA 01262 141516Z

THEY WILL BE DISCUSSING OIL PRICES AND FORMULATION OF POLICY WHICH WILL BE ADOPTED AT THE GENERAL OPEC MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE END OF THE YEAR. AMBASSADOR TADA CONFIDED THAT THE KUWAITI AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN TO SEE HIM THE DAY THE PRIME MINISTER LEFT AND WAS EAGER TO KNOW IF ANY MENTION WAS MADE OF OIL PRICES DURING THE DISCUSSIONS. THE KUWAITI AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM THAT THEY WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRICE OF OIL AS THEIR RESERVES WERE DWINDLING AND THEY HAD TO MAKE UP FOR THE LOSS OF REVENUE.

6. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR TADA SEEMED TICKLED THAT THE KUWAITI AMBASSADOR HARDLY WAITED FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE PRIME MINISTER BEFORE HE CALLED TO FIND OUT WHAT TRANSPIRED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY TURNED DOWN THE PM VISIT TO THEIR COUNTRY.
JABBOUR

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRIME MINISTER, AGREEMENTS, ENERGY, VISITS, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 sep 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978DOHA01262
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780374-0199
Format: TEL
From: DOHA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780968/aaaacdxxk.tel
Line Count: 108
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 056cb350-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1437800
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S VISIT TO QATAR
TAGS: OVIP, ENRG, QA, JA, (FIKUDA, TAKEO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/056cb350-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014